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Federal Lands Interim Committee
c/o Legislative Services Office
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Dear Committee Members:

The State of Idaho should not "assume" management of those public lands within the state which are currently managed by the federal government. Reasons include:

1. The State of Idaho's constitutional mandate to manage public lands for maximum revenue generation is inconsistent with good resource management principles and the desires of most Idahoans. While that mandate works OK for a couple million acres of state lands, it would be disastrous if applied to the 30 million + acres of public land currently managed by the federal government.
2. The State of Idaho---even managing for maximum financial yield---cannot afford to manage the federal public lands, much of which has modest revenue production potential. These lands would wind up either unmanaged or sold to private interests. Idaho citizens would be deprived of their historic access to lands where they hunt, fish, camp, ski, and hike (to name a few of many activities which we engage in here.)
3. Our public lands are what makes Idaho Idaho. Bereft of them we'd be a Kansas with mountains. Most Idahoans would not consider this a good outcome for your work.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Graeff', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Graeff.